

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are allowed.

The Examiner has indicated that a certified copy of the foreign priority document has not been filed. However, the priority document was filed with the application on March 18, 2004. In this regard, the Examiner confirmed in a telephone conversation on March 22, 2007 that the foreign priority document was on file.

JP-A No. 2002-58094 is referenced in the specification and was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") filed September 13, 2006. This reference was discussed in the specification of the instant application and a concise English explanation of its relevance was also provided in the supplied English Abstract. It is noted that the Examiner has initialed this reference as being considered on the copy of the PTO Form 1449 form attached to the Office Action.

The Abstract is objected to for containing various informalities.

Accordingly, attached herewith is a substitute sheet for the Abstract correcting the informalities.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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Response to Office Action dated March 12, 2007

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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ABSTRACT

~~The invention provides a~~ A portable electronic device wherein a first case has a first sound radiating hole formed in the front wall thereof and positioned as opposed to a speaker and a second sound radiating hole formed in the rear wall thereof and positioned as opposed to the speaker. The two cases are rotatably joined by a hinge mechanism. The second case has a second knuckle constituting the hinge mechanism and is provided with a strip member for opening or closing the second sound radiating hole with the closing or opening movement of the second case. The strip member has a free end portion to be wound up by the second knuckle to open the second sound radiating hole when the two cases are in a closed state or to be paid out to close the second sound radiating hole when the two cases are in an opened state.